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For:

A PROCESS, EXCHANGE, CHARGE COMPUTER, CHARGE BILLING COMPUTER AND PROGRAM MODULES FOR THE PROCESSING OF CHARGE DATA FOR

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 7, 9, 13, and 17 remain allowed. The Examiner maintains the same rejections of claims 1-6, 8, 10-12, 14-16, and 18-22 as set forth in the previous Office Action. In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 23 and 24, which were added in the previous Amendment, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Birn hak (U.S. Patent No.: 6,400,813) in view of Gallagher